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President's Message

As we reflect on the first half of 2024, it is with immense pride and gratitude that I address you in this edition of our biannual newsletter. The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) continues to stand as a beacon of excellence and innovation in the ever-evolving field of computing. Our collective achievements over past six months are a testament to the dedication, creativity, and resilience of our vibrant community. There are several exciting events planned for the latter half of the year, including the National IT Conference (NITC24), ICT Awards, and CIO List. These events undoubtedly generate significant interest within the IT community in Sri Lanka and further enhance the recognition of CSSL.

Our collaborative efforts with academic institutions and industry partners have continued to flourish, resulting in several impactful projects and initiatives. These collaborations are essential in bridging the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that our professionals are well-equipped to meet the demands of the global market. As we move forward, I urge each one of you to stay engaged and active within our society. Your contributions, whether through volunteering, participating in events, or simply sharing your expertise, are invaluable to our collective success. Together, we can continue to make significant strides in advancing the field of computing and making a positive impact on society.

I would like to express my deepest appreciation to the CSSL Executive Council, secretariat staff, and all our members for your unwavering support and dedication. Let us continue to work together to achieve our shared vision of a digitally empowered Sri Lanka. Thank you, and I look forward to another six months of growth, innovation, and success.

Warm regards,
Dr. Ajantha Atukorale
President
Computer Society of Sri Lanka

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NITC 2024: A Milestone Event Set to Drive Sri Lanka Towards Society 5.0

On July 24th, 2024, the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) held a press conference at its main office to launch the 42nd National Information Technology Conference (NITC). Scheduled for November 24th-26th at the Shangri-La Hotel in Colombo, the event, themed “Catalyzing a Progressive Future: Towards Society 5.0,” is set to be a major milestone in the ICT sector.

Dr. Ajantha Atukorale, President of CSSL, highlighted the organization’s role in advancing ICT standards in Sri Lanka, emphasizing its international affiliations. Conference Chair Udesch I. W. Seneviratna stressed the event's importance in fostering innovation and economic growth, while Treasurer Indika De Zoysa and Secretary Dr. Amal Illesinghe discussed the significance of the comprehensive agenda, including the CSSL National ICT Awards.

NITC 2024 is supported by the Ministry of Technology as the National Partner, with Mastercard as the Strategic Partner. DMS Software Technologies (Pvt) Ltd and South Asian Technologies (Pvt) Ltd are Diamond Partners, while Dell Technologies, Fortinet, Gennext (Pvt) Ltd, Just In Time Group, Millennium IT ESP, and LEAP Foundation serve as Gold Partners. Independent Television Network Sri Lanka is the Electronic Media Partner. The event is further supported by FITIS, BCS Sri Lanka Section, SLASSCOM, ISACA, and OPA.

With strong backing from both local and international partners, NITC 2024 is poised to be a transformative event for the ICT industry in Sri Lanka. As it brings together thought leaders, innovators, and industry experts, the conference will not only highlight the nation’s progress but also set the stage for future advancements, steering Sri Lanka towards a more digitally empowered Society 5.0.





CSSL Invites You to the 42nd National IT Conference (NITC 2024)



The Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) is thrilled to announce the upcoming 42nd National IT Conference (NITC 2024), scheduled to be held from November 24th to 26th, 2024, at the Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo. This year's conference, themed "Catalyzing a Progressive Future: Towards Society 5.0," aims to explore how technology can shape a more inclusive, innovative, and sustainable future. NITC 2024 will feature the following six focused tracks along with discussions on Responsible AI with Human Centered Innovation and the Journey Towards Society 5.0

FinTech – EduTech – TravelTech – eHealth – InfoSec – eGovernance – AgriTech

The conference will host over 30 distinguished local and international speakers, who are prominent and experienced practitioners in their respective fields. These industry leaders will share their invaluable knowledge and insights with the audience.

NITC 2024 is designed to provide extensive learning opportunities and networking possibilities, fostering the exchange of ideas and best practices among industry professionals. You will benefit from keynote and track sessions, along with panel discussions and exhibits that cover a wide range of IT topics and innovations.

CSSL wishes to extend a special invitation to all CSSL Members to take advantage of the discounted **registration rates**.

If you have missed the NITC 2023 last year, you can revisit the [highlights](#) and obtain details on the NITC 2024 in [Sinhala](#) and [English](#) as well.

CSSL looks forward to welcoming you and your colleagues to the NITC 2024 and hope you will pass the message among them as well. It is assured that you will find this conference both informative and inspiring, resulting in more innovative and productive work delivery.

For further details on NITC 2024, including the CSSL National ICT Awards, CSSL Colloquium, and the Digital Investment Summit, please visit nitc.lk and cssl.lk. If you have any clarifications or need further information, please don't hesitate to contact the CSSL Secretariat via **info@cssl.lk** or **011 2 592 762 / 0114 713 290**.

CSSL is excited to embark on the journey towards Society 5.0 and look forward to your participation in shaping a progressive future for the nation.

Udes I W Seneviratna

Conference Chair

National IT Conference





November 24, 25 & 26
Shangri-La Hotel, Colombo

November 24, 2024 - Inauguration Ceremony
November 25 & 26, 2024 - Conference

National IT Conference 2024 CONFERENCE TRACKS



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Catalyzing a Progressive Future
Towards Society 5.0



REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW OPEN !

24TH 25TH 26TH
NOVEMBER 2024

SHANGRI-LA
HOTEL, COLOMBO

November 24, 2024 - Inauguration Ceremony
November 25 & 26, 2024 - Conference

Registration Fee

Fee (LKR.)

One Day

15,000.00

Both Days

30,000.00

Inauguration

20,000.00

Full Conference with Inauguration

50,000.00

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ICT Awards Project Chair's Message



I extend my warmest greetings to all participants and stakeholders. This year, we proudly celebrate the remarkable achievements of Sri Lanka's ICT professionals, whose contributions have been pivotal in advancing our nation's technological landscape.

CSSL National ICT Awards highlight innovation, excellence, and dedication within the ICT industry, honouring outstanding individuals and organizations that set new standards. By recognizing these trailblazers, we aim to inspire future generations to pursue careers in technology and contribute to Sri Lanka's ongoing digital transformation.

To better reflect the diverse expertise within our industry, we have expanded our award categories to include dedicated awards for ICT Project Managers, ICT Business Analysts, and Software Quality Testers, acknowledging their unique and vital contributions. Additionally, we have introduced separate categories for Public and International Schools to celebrate the distinct opportunities each presents.

We invite all eligible professionals to participate and showcase their exceptional work. Let us unite in celebrating the successes of our ICT community and drive Sri Lanka towards a vibrant digital future.

Mr. Lakmal Embuldeniya

Chairman

CSSL National ICT Awards Committee 2023

CSSL NATIONAL ICT *Awards* 2023

Elite Awards

- ▶ ICT Leader of the Year (Male)
- ▶ ICT Leader of the Year (Female)
- ▶ ICT Research of the Year
- ▶ ICT Educator of the Year

ICT Professionals Awards

- ▶ ICT Manager of the Year
- ▶ ICT Project Manager of the Year
- ▶ ICT Business Analyst of the Year
- ▶ Software Tester of the Year

ICT Student Awards

- ▶ Schools Category (Public)
- ▶ Schools Category (International)
- ▶ Undergraduate Category
- ▶ Postgraduate Category

ICT CXO Awards

- ▶ Chief Information Officer of the Year
- ▶ Chief Information Security Officer of the Year
- ▶ Chief Digital Information Officer (Public Sector) of the Year

ICT Startup and Ecosystem Awards

- ▶ CSSL Best Founder Award
- ▶ CSSL Digital Investor of the Year
- ▶ CSSL Digital Social Innovator of the Year
- ▶ CSSL Emerging ICT Leader of the Year

Nomination Deadline:
13th September 2024

Award Ceremony will be held
24th November 2024
Shangri-La Hotel Colombo



Scan the QR code to
Register





“Transforming Industries – The Role of AI and GenAI”

The seminar titled “Transforming Industries – The Role of AI and GenAI” was organized by the Career Guidance and Skills Development Committee of the Organization of Professional Associations of Sri Lanka (OPA) in collaboration with the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL). The event took place on August 9th at the OPA premises.

The guest speaker for the event was Dr. Romesh Ranawana, who is the Group Chief Analytics and AI Officer at Dialog Axiata PLC, a major telecommunications company in Sri Lanka. Dr. Ranawana, a prominent figure in the field of artificial intelligence (AI), discussed the transformative impact of AI and generative AI (GenAI) on various industries.

The seminar likely focused on how AI and GenAI technologies can drive innovation, improve efficiency, and create new opportunities across different sectors, thereby transforming traditional industries and shaping the future of work and business in Sri Lanka.



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